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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): McBride

Confirmation No.: 1686

Application No.: 09/639,613

Examiner: Tat, Binh C.

Filing Date: Aug. 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2825

Title: ELECTRICAL RULES CHECKER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING TRI-STATE LOGIC
FOR ELECTRICAL RULES CHECKS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

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- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
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(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
() Other: (fee \$)

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TOTAL CLAIMS	21	MINUS	21	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

McBride

By

[Signature]

Daniel R. McClure

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

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In Re Application of:

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For: Electrical Rules Checker System and
Method for Using Tri-State Logic for Electrical
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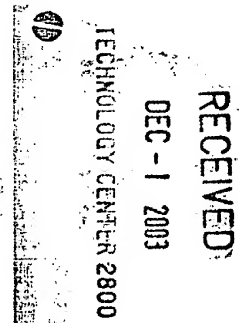
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop - Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action mailed September 5, 2003, 2003 (Paper No. 2), has been carefully
considered. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following
amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.